

CITY AFFAIRS.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

City Officers Elected—Chief of Police Elected—Mr. Charles Schnibben Chief Fire Department—Dr. McMillan Superintendent of Health.

Pursuant to their adjournment last Monday, Mayor S. P. Wright and his board of aldermen met yesterday at 11 a. m. The members of the board in attendance were Aldermen B. F. Keith, A. J. Hewlett, D. J. Benson, A. J. Walker, E. M. Green, John G. Norwood and H. C. Twining.

City Clerk F. B. Rice was present and his minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mayor Wright stated that the object of this meeting was for the election of the various city officers.

On motion of Alderman Walker, the board proceeded to the election of officers.

The mayor stated that the election of a city clerk and treasurer was the first in order.

Alderman Hewlett who had charge of the republican caucus nominations, nominated William Struthers for that position and the nomination was seconded by Alderman Twining.

Alderman Green nominated F. B. Rice, the present incumbent, and the nomination was seconded by Alderman Benson.

Alderman Keith nominated R. H. Beery, and his nomination was seconded by Alderman Green.

The mayor ordered that a ballot be taken and appointed Aldermen Green and Walker to act as tellers.

The first ballot resulted as follows: Struthers 3, Rice 2, Beery 1.

No one having received a majority, a second ballot was taken and resulted in the same vote.

A third ballot was ordered. Alderman Keith, addressing the mayor and board, said Mr. Rice was not his choice, but as he was now filling the office of treasurer satisfactorily, he would withdraw the name of Mr. Beery. [Applause.] The third ballot was then taken but as there were eight votes in the hat instead of seven, there being only seven aldermen present, a fourth ballot was ordered.

The fourth ballot resulted as follows: Rice 4, Struthers 3, [Applause and cheers by the crowd outside the hall.]

Mayor Wright ordered the police to clear the hall if there was any more applause. He said Mr. Rice had received a majority and he would declare him elected.

Mr. Rice informed the mayor that it required 6 votes, or a majority of the whole board, to elect, and so the balloting was continued up to the eighth ballot, the vote still standing, Rice 4, Struthers 3.

Alderman Walker moved to defer the election of a city clerk and treasurer till the next regular meeting of the board, and the motion was seconded by Alderman Hewlett.

Alderman Keith moved to amend the motion by deferring the election to any meeting. The amendment was accepted by Alderman Walker, and the motion was adopted.

The mayor declared the election of a chief of police in order.

Alderman Hewlett nominated for that position, John R. Melton, the present incumbent. The nomination was seconded by Alderman Norwood.

Alderman Keith asked if there were any other applicants for the position.

Mayor Wright replied that there was only the one applicant.

Mr. Keith then called for the list of applicants for members of the police force, saying a candidate for chief might be selected from among them.

Alderman Walker said there were quite a number of applicants that had been before the republican caucus on Saturday night, but since then other applications had been placed on file. He submitted that it would be fair to also consider their names. He suggested that Alderman Keith nominate one from among the number or any other person that he desired.

Alderman Keith nominated H. Tietjen for chief of police, and the nomination was seconded by Alderman Benson.

The ballot resulted in 6 votes for Melton and 1 for Tietjen. Mr. Melton was declared elected.

The nomination of a captain of police was declared in order. Alderman Hewlett nominated Captain Griffin for captain and the nomination was seconded by Alderman Twining. The ballot resulted in Mr. Griffin's unanimous election.

For lieutenant of the police force Alderman Hewlett nominated Robert Green and the nomination was seconded by Alderman Twining. He was unanimously elected.

For sergeant of the police force Alderman Hewlett nominated the present incumbents, T. B. Thayer and Thomas Lossin.

Alderman Keith nominated H. L. Kuhl. The ballot resulted in 6 votes for Thayer, 6 for Lossin and 1 for Kuhl. The two first named were declared elected.

Alderman Hewlett nominated the following as members of the police force: R. F. Gore, D. S. Bender, David Bryant, Lewis Gorden, Lewis Geyer, H. B. Green, L. A. Hewlett, J. W. Holmes, I. F. Huggins, H. L. Kuhl, N. A. McDuffy, R. M. Murray, W. Richardson, J. A. Sutton, J. S. Sharpe, J. A. Wells, H. P. Whitehead, Joseph Anderson, L. P. Thomas, Rowan Green, R. H. Benson, Sam Hall. Eight of the police are colored, viz: David Bryant, Lewis Geyer, H. B. Green, J. S. Sharpe, N. A. McDuffy, W. Richardson, J. A. Whitehead, and Joseph Anderson.

Alderman Walker moved to elect the police force as a whole.

Alderman Keith opposed the motion. He said he had nothing to do with selecting the above names for members of the police force, but he noticed some of the best of the old officers had been left out and he would like to see them retained. He said he would rather see competent officers elected, as our lives, property and liberty are in their hands. There were the names of many in the list in whose hands he would not trust such responsibilities. He said he did not mean that the men were dishonest but brave and true men were needed on the force. He declared he was not on the board to serve party but to serve the best interests of the city. He was sorry to see that such men as Policemen Weobee and Carney had been left out of the list, and he hoped the elect-

ion for policemen would be entered into on at a time.

Alderman Green moved to elect one policeman at a time.

Alderman Twining opposed the motion. He said it would take too much time to elect the policemen one at a time.

Alderman Green said he was willing to spend a little time to do the work of the people. He had been sent to the board by the people to serve them, and he saw nothing wrong in allowing each candidate for policeman to stand on his merits.

Alderman Walker, a little impatient at seeing that Alderman Green was seemingly disposed not to stand by the republican caucus, said Alderman Green should not have taken up time in helping to make up that list in the caucus.

Alderman Keith's motion to elect one policeman at a time was lost, the vote standing 5 to 2.

On motion of Alderman Walker, the board decided to elect the list of policemen as a whole.

After some further discussion, the ballot resulted in the election of the whole list, the vote standing 6 to 1. Alderman Keith voting no.

On motion of Alderman Hewlett, the following other officers were elected: Permanent Health Officers—John H. Brown, colored; Geo. A. Dry, colored.

Temporary health officers—James MacFarland, colored; John Lee, colored. Alderman Keith cast his vote for L. P. Thomas for health officer.

The election of a chief of the fire department was declared in order.

Alderman Hewlett, again took up the caucus list, and nominated Charles Schnibben, of Howard Relief Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, for chief.

Alderman Norwood nominated James W. Monroe, of Wilmington Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1.

Alderman Green moved that the election of a chief be deferred till some subsequent meeting.

Alderman Keith moved as a substitute that the board proceed with the election of a chief and said he heartily endorsed Mr. Schnibben. The substitute was adopted.

The ballot for chief then resulted as follows: Schnibben 6, Monroe 1. Mr. Schnibben was declared elected.

For assistant chief of the fire department, Alderman Hewlett nominated J. O. Brown, of the Fifth Ward Hook and Ladder Company.

Alderman Keith nominated James W. Norwood.

Alderman Green nominated Valentine Howe, colored.

The first ballot was: Brown 5, Monroe 1, Howe 1. The second ballot resulted in the unanimous election of Brown.

On motion of Alderman Hewlett, J. P. Bowen, colored, was elected lampighter for the north side and Hayes Leonard, colored, for the south side.

On motion of Alderman Hewlett, James Loughlin was elected superintendent of Front street market, and J. D. Folsom, superintendent of Fourth street market.

On motion of Alderman Hewlett the following other officers were elected: Night janitor at the city hall, John Fitzgerald; day janitor, John Carroll, colored. Alderman Keith voted for J. D. Folsom.

Superintendent of Streets—L. H. Bryant.

Messenger at City Hall—Thomas E. Scott, colored.

Cattle Weigher—Thomas Rivera, Sr., colored.

Mayor Wright stated that the next business was the election of a clerk to the mayor.

Alderman Keith nominated Jos. M. King, Jr., for that position.

Alderman Green nominated Richard Hill, colored.

The ballot stood 6 for King and 1 for Hill. Mr. King was declared elected.

Messrs. J. C. Stevenson and C. E. Borden, were present as a committee from the chamber of commerce, and on a motion of Alderman Keith were seated at the table.

Stevenson addressed the board and requested that they appropriate \$100 to be used with \$100 asked from the board of county commissioners, to pay for an advertisement of the resources of the city and county in the special Seaboard Air Line edition of The Manufacturers' Record.

Mr. Borden also urged the board to make the appropriation and spoke of the value of the advertising to Wilmington. The mayor informed the gentlemen that he would appoint a committee to confer with them about the matter. He appointed Aldermen Keith and Benson as such committee.

Bids were opened and awarded as follows:

For feeding and shoeing the city mules and horses, to S. P. Cowan & Co., at \$9.75 per month for each animal. The other bids were as follows: E. G. Jones, \$9.75; R. C. Orrell \$10; H. Pennell \$10.05.

For supplying lumber, to the Fore & Foster Company, at their bid of \$9.90 per thousand feet for merchantable lumber, \$12.20 per thousand feet for heart lumber, and from \$2.25 to \$3.80 per thousand for bridge lumber.

At 12:40 o'clock p. m. the board took a recess till 3:30 o'clock p. m.

The board met at 3:30 o'clock p. m. On motion the following bills for rental of places for listing the polls for the city election were ordered to be paid, the board of audit and financial control, McGowan & Wanmaker, \$5.50; W. M. Evans, \$5.50.

It was ordered that \$13.35 be paid to a special policeman who was on duty at the fire in C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s store.

The petition of W. W. Sellers to be allowed to erect a vegetable stand on the street between Bladen and Hanover streets, was referred to the market committee.

The bid of Captain A. L. DeRosset to list the taxes and furnish the book complete, at \$250, was deferred.

On motion, the contract for feeding prisoners in the guard house was awarded to Mrs. Jane Sheehan at 7 1/2 cents per meal.

The following building permits were granted: To N. Jacob, to erect three frame houses at Second and Church streets, one frame house on Front street, between Wooster and Dawson streets, and a metal covered stable in rear of the same; to H. J. Anderson, to erect a frame house on Thirteenth street, between Queen and Wooster streets.

A communication as to short weights and embedding an ordinance as to same, was referred to the county commissioners.

A petition from Thomas F. Bagley, C. H. Robinson and others asking that the city complete the shell way on Front street from Orange to Ann streets, was referred to the streets and wharves committee.

The clerk read a proposition from the board of county commissioners suggesting that the two boards unite in the selection of one physician as city superintendent of health, county superintendent of health, and county physician.

Mayor Wright said the county and city had for a couple of years or more been paying the city superintendent of health \$600, the county superintendent of health \$100 and the county physician \$7.50. Now it was proposed to consolidate these offices, and the commissioners had the honor to propose to agree to endorse for these positions the city superintendent of health to be named by this board. He also stated that the county board of health had done him the honor of allowing him to suggest the physician for the place, and he would name Dr. Wm. D. McMillan as the physician. He explained that the last legislature took the election of the county superintendent and physician out of the hands of the county board of health and had conferred that power upon the county commissioners.

On motion of Alderman Twining, Dr. McMillan was unanimously elected city superintendent of health.

The board at 4:10 o'clock p. m., adjourned.

THE COMMISSIONERS.

Proceedings at the Regular Meeting Yesterday—Vigorous Retrenchment Against Jurors for the Next Term of the Criminal Court.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of commissioners of New Hanover county was held yesterday at 2:30 p. m., the members in attendance being Chairman F. W. Foster and Commissioners Moore, Alexander, Dempsey and Nixon.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from Mr. W. A. Riach that he had complied with the agreement of the county as to the deepening of the ditch draining the Masonboro turnpike.

A petition signed by numerous citizens requesting this body to place as much of the county's insurance as possible with the Carolina Insurance Company, a home institution, was read. On motion, the matter was referred to a committee composed of Chairman Foster and Commissioners Moore and Alexander.

A petition from Harvey Brown for aid was referred to Commissioner Dempsey, with power to act.

Chairman Foster submitted the following and it was adopted:

It is time that the board of county commissioners should decide what amount should be expended in the various branches of the county government. During the last ten years, capital, labor, professions, and all branches of business, and rents have become less remunerative to a degree that the general public has become restless and are demanding a change for the better.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions above spoken of, it is evident and wrong as it may be, the county expenses during the said period have year by year increased, which has created a burden so great that there are more pieces of property year after year sold for taxes. Also during the last decade above mentioned, in order to all the cunning known to man, to get a place, make a place, create offices; and the various branches of government demanding more and more money; some of them in the ratio from \$2,500 to \$7,500 per annum. Even resorting to influencing ladies to meet county commissioners with a view of urging appropriation of county money for various purposes.

The said heavy taxation is keeping manufacturers from being established in our midst and closing many that have heretofore been established.

The county, years by year, levies an unconstitutional tax, being more and more above the constitutional limit.

The tax payers have quietly submitted, and in despair see more and more property sold for taxes. The present condition of affairs cannot continue. The only consolation the county has, not to reflect upon what effect it has upon itself, is, that it can be consoled that its daughter (the city) is in a worse fix than itself.

Brother commissioners, let us commence:

Be it resolved, That — thousand dollars be the limit of the county appropriations for the hospital per annum.

Be it Further Resolved, That this board express a desire to his Honor, Dr. S. P. Wright, mayor, that with a view of economy and retrenchment, that he would appoint a city physician that would be acceptable to himself and the medical fraternity of New Hanover county, whose duty it shall be to perform all the duties of the four doctors that are now being paid by the county and what proportion shall be paid by each board. It shall be understood that the party appointed shall do no private practice.

Resolved, That Mr. Marsden Belamy, attorney for board of county commissioners, be requested to clerk the coroner's and magistrates' court of the superior court, and clerk of the criminal court's bills against the county for the month of March with the express purpose of disallowing all bills, if any that are based upon cases brought for the purpose of securing fees that are to be paid by the county which aggregate a sum that is oppressive to our tax-payers.

The commissioners' attention is called to the necessity of levying a special

tax to pay off the county's floating indebtedness which has heretofore been spoken of under the head of "Our County's Surplus," which is simply a misnomer.

As a means of carrying out the suggestions of the chairman, a motion was adopted to the effect that the appropriation for the maintenance of the hospital for 1897 be limited to \$2,500, the appropriation to begin April 1st.

On motion, it was decided to allow after April 1st only 20 cents per day for feeding prisoners in the county jail.

Messrs. C. E. Borden and J. C. Stevenson, a committee from the chamber of commerce, appeared before the board and addressed it, urging the appropriation of \$100 be supplemented by \$100 from the board of aldermen, to be used in advertising the resources of the city of Wilmington and New Hanover county in the special Seaboard Air Line edition of The Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore. The board having appropriated \$320 to publish a book to advertise the city and county, it was expressed as the sense of the board that the finances of the county were such that they could make no additional appropriation in this direction.

Several matters as to errors in the tax lists were disposed of.

It was ordered that J. F. Hill be paid \$5 for services as chaplain at the county home.

A petition from M. D. Croom to be allowed to remove his liquor business from the city to the sound was referred to the county attorney.

At the request of the chairman, the clerk read a resolution expressing the thanks of the board to Senator Cannon for his promptness in attending to various matters concerning the board, brought before the general assembly.

Commissioner Moore objected to the resolution, but, on motion of Chairman Foster, the resolution was adopted. Commissioner Moore voting no and Commissioner Alexander not voting.

Chairman Foster read a communication from Mayor Wright stating that the board of aldermen had elected Dr. Wm. D. McMillan city superintendent of health, in accordance with the suggestion in Chairman Foster's resolutions to the fact that he is also to act as county superintendent of health and county physician. On motion, Commissioners Moore and Alexander were appointed a committee to carry out the plan of consolidating the work in Dr. McMillan's hands.

Chairman Foster informed the board that the general assembly at its last session authorized the employment of a stenographer for the courts, and that he had advertised for proposals from stenographers to do the work for the superior and circuit criminal courts of New Hanover county. He submitted fifteen bids from stenographers, and among them one from Miss Estelle Shrier, who had the endorsement of the Wilmington bar recommending her for her efficiency. On motion of Commissioner Moore, Miss Shrier was elected court stenographer, her compensation to be fixed by the presiding judges.

The report of Dr. J. C. Shepard, county superintendent of health, for the month of March, was received. He reports that there are twenty-four inmates and thirteen prisoners at the county home; that the improvements continue at the home and that it is being well kept; and that the jail is in good condition, but is very much crowded with prisoners. In this connection, Chairman Foster said Mr. T. A. Watson, superintendent of the home, had made improvements that it did not seem possible to make. Commissioner Alexander remarked that the improvements were very marked.

The report of Dr. Wm. D. McMillan, county physician, for the month of March, was received. He reports that during the month he paid 218 visits to 162 patients and treated 213 patients in the office. He states that pneumonia is the most prevalent disease.

The report of Colonel John D. Taylor, clerk of the superior court, was received. He reports that during the month he collected \$2 jury tax.

The report of Register of Deeds C. W. Norwood, for the month of March, was received. He reports that during the month he issued thirty-three marriage licenses and turned over to the treasurer \$31.35 in fees for the same.

The chairman stated that the county had the option of taking up \$40,000 of county bonds and resuming them at 4 1/2 per cent. interest, and submitted bids for them. On motion, this matter was deferred.

The monthly report of County Treasurer James H. Chadbourne, Jr., was received and referred to the auditing committee.

On motion, it was decided to hold an adjourned meeting of the board on Thursday night to consider several matters. Several bids for listing the taxes were deferred to that meeting.

The board drew the following jurors for the term of the circuit criminal court of New Hanover county, which convenes on Monday, April 26th: A. A. Willard, John H. Summerlin, J. F. Costin, C. M. Whitlock, M. F. H. Gouverneur, George Grotjen, T. B. Carney, James McDougald, John Hill, Patrick Glavin, John McLaurin, James T. Jarratt, James M. Chadwick, Arthur H. Holmes, L. Hansen, R. W. Merritt, Geo. E. Burnett, J. Carmer Davis, Jos. H. Hinton, John A. Wilson, E. S. Knight, Edwin T. Huggins, Asa A. Brown, J. B. Wiggins, John E. Silva, J. S. Costin, James W. McCartney, John Dyer, Jos. C. Shepard, Jr., R. C. Orrell, Herbert Edwards, A. M. Williams, J. S. Barnes, L. B. Pennington, O. M. Fill-yaw, Julius Weil.

On motion, the board at 5:30 p. m. took a recess till 8 p. m. next Thursday.

The Turkish government denies that any direct negotiations have been entered into with Greece on the subject of the state of Crete.

THE PENDING TARIFF BILL.

A Circular from the Treasury to Collectors of Customs, Carrying Into Effect the Provision Regarding Goods Imported After April 1st.

Washington, April 5.—The secretary of the treasury has issued a circular of instructions to customs officers throughout the country, carrying into effect section 27 of the pending tariff bill. This section requires the secretary of the treasury to make provisions for the collection of the increased rates of duties contemplated by the bill, and with that view he is required to retain samples of goods purchased and imported after April 1, 1897, and prior to the date on which the bill becomes law. The circular says:

"To Collectors and Other Officers of the customs:

"Under the authority conferred upon the secretary of the treasury by section 249, revised statutes, chief officers of customs are hereby instructed to delay, until further order, final liquidation of entries, made at their respective ports of any merchandise arriving thereafter after April 1, 1897. But liquidations may be tentatively made, and such liquidations shall not be closed and stamped, but shall be held open during the pendency of this order so as to be amended or corrected if necessary. These directions shall not be applied, however, to any entries made after April 1, 1897, of merchandise which was purchased and directed by the owner to be shipped for import into the United States by any person prior to April 1, 1897.

"Hereafter all entries for consumption, except those specified in the preceding paragraph, shall be stamped in red ink by the clerks respectively passing the same under the direction of the collector, with the following words: 'Subject to change of rates if required by law.'

"Appraising officers will, however, retain such samples of imported merchandise as may be necessary to determine any question hereafter arising relative to the proper identification and classification for duty of such merchandise."

J. GAGE, "Secretary."

The new agreement of the Western Passenger Association will be delayed a few days and it will now be Thursday of Friday of this week before it goes into effect. A meeting of the general passenger agents of the western roads has been called for Wednesday.

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6:45 A.M. — Wilmington — 6:45 P.M.

7:00 A.M. — Wilmington — 7:00 P.M.

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8:00 A.M. — Wilmington — 8:00 P.M.

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1:15 A.M. — Wilmington — 1:15 P.M.

1:30 A.M. — Wilmington — 1:30 P.M.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule in Effect February 8th, 1897.

Departures from Wilmington: NORTH BOUND.